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MONTREAL FOR USREP ICAO
GENEVA FOR ROSENSTOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: MARCH 8 & 9 MEETING OF ANTI-HIJACKING CONTACT GROUP

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1. SUMMARY. NETHERLANDS UN AMBASSADOR WILL BE SENDING LETTERS TO 24 COUNTRIES INVITING THEM TO SEND WORKING-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS PROMOTION OF WIDER ACCESSION TO HAGUE, MONTREAL AND TOKYO CONVENTIONS ON 8 AND 9 MARCH AT NETHERLANDS UN MISSION IN NEW YORK.
DETAILS. NETHERLANDS (BENTINCK) CHAIRED DISCUSSION 17 FEB WITH PARTICIPATION BY USUN (REIS AND CASTLEBERRY, FROM US ICAO MISSION), FRG (HILGER) AND JAPAN (SHIN WATANABE). LIST OF POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS IN CONTACT GROUP WAS REVIEWED. IN ADDITION TO REFTEL LISTING OF COUNTRIES HAVING DEFINITELY AGREED TO PARTICIPATE, INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO FRG-JAPAN-NETHERLANDS PRODUCED EQUALLY DEFINITIVE ACCEPTANCES FROM AUSTRALIA AND UK. (OTHER WEO'S WILL SURELY BE HEARD FROM SHORTLY.) GROUP AGREED WITH US WISH THAT NETHERLANDS INVITE ALL 24, INCLUDING USSR AND SAUDI ARABIA.
2. NETHERLANDS WISHES CONTACT GROUP INVITED TO NETHERLANDS
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MISSION FOR 10:00 AM SESSIONS 8 MARCH AND 9 MARCH. AFTERNOON MEETINGS SAME DAYS MAY OR MAY NOT PROVE APPROPRIATE. GROUP AGREED TO THESE DATES AND TO NETHERLANDS VIEW THAT PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE AT WORKING LEVEL AND THAT NO COUNTRY WHOULD SEND MORE THAN 2 OR 3 PERSONS. (MOST OF THE 24 WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SEND A SINGLE PERSON). GROUP FURTHER AGREED MEETINGS SHOULD BE INFORMAL AND WITHOUT PUBLICITY. THERE WILL BE NO RPT NO WRITTEN AGENDA. NETHERLANDS HOST WILL DRAW FOR INTRODUCTORY REMARKS ON MATERIAL USED BY US, FRG, JAPAN AND THE NETHERLANDS IN MAKING THE INITIAL APPROACH TO THE 24 COUNTRIES. IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE OF 8 AND 9 MARCH MEETING WILL BE TO TRY TO ALLOCATE AMONG THE 28 PARTICIPANTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPROACHING NON-RATIFYING STATES ON A REGIONAL AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REGIONAL BASIS.

3. IF 8 AND 9 MARCH MEETINGS GO WELL, A SECOND SESSION MIGHT BE CALLED, E.G. DURING APRIL, TO REVIEW RESPONSES AND CONSIDER FURTHER ACTION. FRG SUGGESTED THAT, IF GON WERE WILLING, NETHERLANDS MIGHT CONTINUE TO CHAIR THE CONTACT GROUP, AT LEAST FOR A SECOND ROUND. BENTINCK AGREED TO ASK THE HAGUE TO CONSIDER. FRG SAID THAT IN ANY EVENT CHAIRMANSHIP SHOULD NOT BE CONFINED TO JAPAN-NETHERLANDS-US-FRG AND SUGGESTED THAT CANADA OR JAPAN MISSIONS MIGHT BE DESIRABLE

CHAIRMEN SINCE MONTREAL AND TOKYO CONVENTIONS WERE NEGOTIATED
IN THEIR COUNTRIES.

4. FRG PARTICIPANT REPORTED FRG DEPOSITED INSTRUMENT OF
RATIFICATION TO MONTREAL CONVENTION ON 2 FEB 1978.

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